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## United States Marines Have Seized Wharf and Railroad

**Puerto Cortez Is Scene of the Trouble--Population Greatly Incensed at Landing of Marines--Governor Files a Protest.**

PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Feb. 10.—There has been a clash between United States and Honduran authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine to surrender to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under the lease by the Valentine syndicate.

Seventy-five marines from the United States gunboat Petrel landed and seized the wharf and railroad. Honduran troops were then ordered to stop all trains. The governor has filed a protest.

The population here was greatly incensed at the landing of the marines. Acting on the authority of congress, which declared the Valentine contracts cancelled, President Bonilla ordered that civil proceedings be brought against W. S. Valentine of New York, ordered delivery to the government of the railroad and wharf, and demanded an accounting for alleged damages sustained by the government.

The decree was served on A. Greeley, local manager of the Valentine syndicate, who asked for time to communicate with Mr. Valentine. This was refused. Greeley appealed to the American consul, who asked the co-operation of the commander of the gunboat Petrel now in the harbor.

The commander requested that the enforcement of the decree be delayed 24 hours until the American consul could communicate with the state department. The governor also refused this and demanded that the railroad and wharf be turned over to him by 8 o'clock. The commander of the Petrel then landed 75 marines and placed them on the wharf and at the railroad office.

The British, Italian, Mexican, Danish and Norwegian consuls were summoned and through them the governor protested to the American consul and the Petrel commander against the landing of marines.

President Bonilla was informed and ordered that detachments of armed troops immediately be placed at Laguna, one mile south, and Chamelcon, 28 miles south of Puerto Cortez, with instructions to stop all trains. When this order was given several banana trains were out and its enforcement meant that several ships in the harbor would not be able to get cargoes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The state department is watching developments in the dispute between the Honduran government and representatives of the Valentine syndicate.

Recently the department learned that without notice to this government the Honduran officials were about to seize the Valentine properties. The gunboat Petrel was sent to Puerto Cortez and sailors were landed. The property was not seized. The only purpose of landing the bluejackets was to guard against violence. The question of title to the property in dispute is to be settled through federal and diplomatic methods.

An arrangement for an adjustment of the dispute between the concessionaires and the Honduran government was provided for in a contract held by the Morgan syndicate, but this has been abandoned and the issue remains open.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Feb. 10.—The congress of Honduras has declared that all contracts made with the American, W. S. Valentine, in connection with the Puerto Cortez railroad and lighthouse are cancelled. The congress directs the president of the republic to take possession of all the property immediately on behalf of the government.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 10.—The arrests of 40 persons, it is announced, have been arranged to take place simultaneously, probably next Monday. The government hopes to have in custody all the men indicted by the time the first arrest becomes public. The fact that several of those indicted live on the Pacific coast makes delay in the time of arrests necessary.

In his monthly report to the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, President Ryan said:

"It is reported that 20 or more of our officers, local and international, have been indicted. Don't be afraid about indictments or the arrest of a few leaders."

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 10.—Because his conscience bothered him, John P. Meehan walked into the office of chief police and surrendered. He testified that 21 years ago he stole \$1000 from a bank at Laredo, Texas, and although he has lived through 21 years of mental agony he can no longer stand the strain and is willing to go back and take his medicine. Laredo officers have been notified.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 10.—The sailing of the turn and trained body of 10-year-old Goldie Williams only momentarily checked the search for a stranger who evaded her away Tuesday afternoon, on a promise to buy her a pair of skates.

## SHOAF, SOCIALIST WRITER, WHO WAS MISSING, IS FOUND

PITTSBURG, Kan., Feb. 10.—Alleging that George H. Shoaf, socialist writer, who is said to have disappeared prior to the McNamara trial at Los Angeles, and who it was reported was kidnapped, was now living in Los Angeles, Mrs. Shoaf began suit here for divorce. It is claimed by socialist papers that he had been "done away with" in order to prevent exposures in dynamite investigations.

## JOHNSON-FLYNN FIGHT MAY BE HELD IN MEXICO

MANAGER OF FLYNN CONFERS WITH BUSINESS MEN TO HAVE CONTEST IN NEW STATE.

ALBUQUERQUE, Feb. 10.—Jack Curley, manager of Jim Flynn, conferred with business men relative to staging the Johnson-Flynn fight in New Mexico. No decision was reached. He said he didn't believe opposition to Governor McDonald would be sufficient to prevent staging the fight in the state if he found it advisable to do so.

CLEARING HOUSE SHOWS INCREASE IN BUSINESS

RENO, Nev., Feb. 10.—The amount of business in this city is increasing steadily and the best indication of this is the figure of the Reno Clearing House association. The clearings in the Reno Clearing House association for the month of January, 1912, amounted to \$1,145,687.14 and the clearings for the same month last year amounted to \$924,092.70, showing an increase of over \$200,000.

## CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT RATES HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A new western classification of freight on the western transportation lines worked for many months, and which recently was filed with the interstate commerce commission yesterday was ordered by the commission to be suspended from February 15 to June 25.

The proposed classification contains hundreds of changes resulting in many advances and some decreases in present rates. Naturally rates would be affected by the new classification not only in western territory, but throughout the country, on all freight originating in, or to points in that territory. A hearing on the proposed classification was held in Chicago on January 9, but it was found impossible by the commission to conclude its inquiry before the effective date, February 15.

## SECRET ORGANIZATION OF RAILROAD SHOP EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Labor leaders are secretly perfecting the formation of a territorial organization of railroad shop employees that will include every road operating west of the Mississippi river, according to the Record-Herald.

A meeting to place the finishing touches on the organization will be held in Kansas City, March 4.

As soon as the organization is launched demands are to be made for a general increase of wages on every road. It is the aim to unite all the mechanical trades on one railroad, so that concerted action

may be taken when wage demands are made. Demands will be made on all railroads in the same territory at the same time, so that all railroads will be involved simultaneously if a strike is called. Labor leaders say they discovered the weakness of their former plans while the recent disputes with the Harriman line and Illinois Central railroad were on, and that the next time they strike it will be on a broader scale.

The new organization, if consummated on the lines planned, will include many thousands of men.

## ORE SHIPMENTS FOR THE PAST WEEK

The ore shipments for the past week for the various producing mines in the Tonopah district are as follows:

Mines	Tons
Tonopah Mining	3300
Belmont	2100
Montana	1051
Tonopah Ex.	945
West End	775
Total	8171

The estimated value of all ores sent to the various mills is \$204,275.

## FLOODS IN SPAIN ARE REPORTED AS BECOMING WORSE

INCREASING WATERS MAKE THE SITUATION CRITICAL—MANY THROWN OUT OF WORK.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—The flood situation is becoming worse and the minister of works left for Seville, where the situation is critical. The people of Seville are frantically throwing up barricades in an almost hopeless attempt to stem the torrent. The civil guards' barricade was undermined and collapsed. King Alfonso has decided to proceed to Seville. Last night the electric light station was flooded plunging the city into darkness. Fifteen thousand workmen are out of employment. Tributaries of the Guadalquivir river are over their banks, and it is feared two trains on the Cadiz line were caught in the flood. At Madrid the Manzanares river has overflowed, inundating houses.

The New Nevada Club, where they sell you the best goods and give five-dollar gold pieces away. Call and see how they do it.

## JANUARY DISBURSEMENT OF STATE SCHOOL MONEY

**Superintendent of Public Instruction Has Prepared an Interesting Article ---Tells About School Money.**

RENO, Nev., Feb. 10.—Prof. John Edward Bray, superintendent of public instruction for Nevada, has prepared an interesting article on the state distributive school fund, which will appear in the Nevada School Journal in its next issue. The article follows:

"Many inquiries have been received by the superintendent of public instruction as to the January, 1912, state distributive school fund. Many expected that it would be much larger, as the state school tax had been raised from 6 cents on the \$100 to 10 cents.

"It is well to note here that only one-half of the counties paid in their taxes on the basis of 10 cents for the state school fund; and that, in the case of some counties that made the levy, complications on other matters prevented a full adjustment in the state controllers office. In addition to this, a considerable amount in interest due on bonds of other states, in which school moneys are invested, was not received at the time for making the controller's report to the state superintendent, and so could not go out to the schools.

There was \$117,428.80 apportioned to the various counties in January, 1911. The amount so apportioned in January, 1912, was \$102,660.46; a falling off of \$14,768.34, or 12 1/2 per cent.

"In some of the counties, Washoe, for instance, the county school tax levy was lowered to 15 cents on the \$100, resulting in a falling off of \$6000 or more for the schools of that county. So low a county tax as 15 cents on the \$100 will be impossible, hereafter as the school law now fixes the minimum for such purpose at 20 cents. The reason for putting the school tax so low in Washoe county was the fact that several districts were carrying a large surplus. That will not occur again, however, as the surplus funds are now, by law, required to be redistributed in July of each year.

"We are gradually getting on a saner basis for financing the schools. All who have studied the question concede that a larger state tax for school purposes is the most equitable plan, as it makes the entire property of the state contribute to the state fund which is for the education of all the children of the state. And this was the view of the law-making department of the state in 1911, as embodied in the new school code.

## PUBLIC MEETING ON SCHOOL BONDS LAST EVENING

Last evening at 8 o'clock there assembled at the office of Judge H. H. Atkinson a goodly number of business men, lawyers, bankers, citizens, ladies, and the school trustees to hear a report of the trustees and why the bond election had been called for the purpose of building a commodious and sanitary school building and equipment in the town of Tonopah at a cost of \$50,000. The trustees, by facts and figures compiled, showed who were the heavy taxpayers in the district, the mining companies, the amount paid last year by them, the business men and the citizen householder. It was then shown the town tax rate of last year, and by the building of the new school house the tax rate for the town of Tonopah would be three cents less on the hundred dollars than that of last year. These figures are not official, but the district attorney, county commissioners, county officials and the school board honestly believe that the rate will not be ONE CENT more than the year of 1911, but will be THREE CENTS less.

The school trustees invite every parent and taxpayer in the district to visit the public schools of this district; yes, it insists that they make this visit, and see for themselves the unsanitary conditions of the buildings. It is a duty you owe to yourself and to the children of this city that such an inspection be made that will enable you to talk intelligently in discussing the bond issue pro and con.

Last evening, Mr. Ralph Hussey, of Morrow & Hussey, stated that before making an examination of the four present school buildings he was opposed to the bond issue, but after seeing the crowded conditions and the unsanitary buildings, he became converted to the cause and would work for the bond issue. All who visited the buildings yesterday are of the same opinion as Mr. Hussey.

If the people who oppose the bonds will only visit our schools and become acquainted with the conditions as they exist, they must in all honesty become converted to the issuance of the bonds.

The new school building is to house all the school children of this district, not a few, as has been rumored.

See "Want Ads" being run.

BROWN VERSES MADDEN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—"Knock-out" Brown outfought and outboxed Frank Madden, an east side lightweight, in every round but the first of a ten-round bout.

## LAXITY IN METHOD TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF MEASLES

CLAIMED THAT MANY PARENTS ARE NOT MAKING EFFORT TO PREVENT DISEASE.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 10.—A number of heads of families are making objections to the laxity displayed by many parents in not exercising any effort to prevent the spread of measles, where one member of the family is suffering from the malady.

None of those who made this request of the Gazette favored a strict quarantine, such as the board of health enforces in the case of more serious contagious and infectious diseases, but they feel that parents should prevent their children from spreading the germs of the malady among other children so long as any member of the family may be within the contagion period.

Children are frequently permitted to leave the bedside of a sick brother or sister and go out and mingle with their playmates to whom they often communicate the disease. The schools are enforcing a strict rule to prevent contagion there, but the Gazette's informants believe that the spread of measles is due entirely to the carelessness of parents in this regard.

## TUNNEL ON THE WESTERN PACIFIC BLOCKED BY CAVE

PORTOLA, Cal., Feb. 10.—Thirty-five feet of the Chilcoot tunnel on the Western Pacific railroad caved in late yesterday, closing the tunnel to traffic for twenty-four hours. The cave-in is at the east portal. A work train was rushed from Portola to the scene of the trouble. A westbound cattle train is at the eastern end of the tunnel. Passengers on trains that started east and west will be transferred by teams across the summit.

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